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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

Commanding all Papists and Reputed Papists to depart from the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and from within Ten Miles from the same.

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WHereas by an Act of Parliament made in the Third Year of the Reign of King James the First, Intituled, An Act to Prevent and Avoid Dangers which may grow by Popish Recusants, it is provided, That all Popish Recusants, Indicted or Convicted of Recusancy, or which should absent from Church contrary to Law for three Months, should depart from the City of London, and ten Miles compass of the same, under certain Penalties therein mentioned: And whereas by one other Act of Parliament, made in the first Year of the Reign of the late King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for the removing Papists and Reputed Papists from the Cities of London and Westminster, and ten Miles distance from the same, it is enacted, That for the better Discovery and Removing all Papists and Reputed Papists out of the said Cities, and ten Miles of the same, it should and might be Lawful, and it is thereby required, That the Lord Mayor of London for the time being, and every Justice of the Peace of the City of London, and for the City and Liberties of Westminster, and Borough of Southwark, and of the Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, Kent and Essex, within their respective Counties, Cities, Boroughs and Limits, should, from time to time, cause to be arrested and brought before him every Person or Persons (not being a Merchant Foreigner, or such other Person or Persons as the said Act excepts) within the said Cities, or within ten Miles of the same, being Papists, or Reputed Papists, and tender unto him the Declaration mentioned in the Statute made in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, Intituled, An Act for the more Effectual Preserving the King's Person and Government, by disabling Papists from Sitting in either House of Parliament; and in case such Person upon such Tender should refuse to repeat, make and subscribe the said Declaration, and should after such refusal remain, continue, or be within the said City or Cities, or ten Miles distance from the same, That in every such case, he or she should Forfeit and Suffer as a Popish Recusant Convict, by the Laws theretofore Established, should or might Suffer or Forfeit: And that every Justice of the Peace should certifie all such Subscriptions, and the Names of all Persons refusing to Subscribe upon Tender, as aforesaid, under his Hand and Seal, into the Court of Queens Bench, the next Term, or at the next Quarter Sessions, where such taking, subscribing or refusal should happen. And whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, have, by their Addresses, humbly Represented to us, That they have, to their great Concern, been informed of a most Barbarous and Villainous Attempt made upon the Person of Robert Harley, Esq; Chancellor of our Exchequer, by the Sieur de Guiscard, a French Papist, at the Time when he was under Examination for Treasonable Practices, before a Committee of our Council, and that they could not but be most deeply affected, to find such an Instance of Inveterate Malice against one employed in our Council, and so near our Royal Person; and that they had reason to believe, that his Fidelity to us, and Zeal for our Service, had drawn upon him the Hatred of all the Abettors of Popery and Faction: That they thought it their Duty, on that Occasion to assure us, that they would effectually stand by and defend us, and those who are employed in our Service, against all publick and secret Attempts of our Enemies; and most humbly besought us to take all possible Care of our Sacred Person, on whose Life the Welfare and Happiness of our People, as well as the Liberties of Europe entirely depend: And they did also thereby Represent to us, That one effectual Means conducing to the Safety of our Royal Person, would be, to give such Directions as in our Wisdom should seem most proper, for causing Papists to be removed from the Cities of London and Westminster: We have therefore thought fit to issue this our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby strictly charge and command all Papists and Reputed Papists, (except Merchant Foreigners, and such other Persons as in the said last mentioned Act are excepted) on or before the Twenty fifth Day of this Instant March, to depart out of the said Cities, and from all Places within ten Miles distance from the same. And we do hereby strictly charge and command the Lord Mayor of London, and all Justices of the Peace of our Cities of London and Westminster, and Borough of Southwark, and of our said Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, Kent and Essex, that they do make diligent Search and Inquiry for, and with all Vigour proceed, according to the last recited Act of Parliament, against all and every Papist or Reputed Papist, who shall be found within the said Cities of London and Westminster, and within ten Miles distance of the same, after the said Twenty fifth Day of this Instant March, contrary to the Tenour of the said last mentioned Act, and the purport of this our Proclamation. And we do further strictly charge and command, That immediately after the said Twenty fifth Day of this Instant March, the Constables, Churchwardens, and other Officers within the said Cities and Places, do go from House to House in their several Parishes, Hamblets, Constableries and Divisions respectively, and there take an Account of the Names and Surnames of all such Persons as are Papists or Popish Recusants, or Reputed so to be, as well Householders, as Lodgers, or Servants and to carry a List of their Names to the two next Justices of the Peace, who are hereby required to send for, and proceed, as aforesaid, against all such of them as are not Merchant Foreigners, or other the Persons in the said Act excepted.

Given at our Court at St. *James*'s, the Fifteenth Day of *March*, 1710-11. In the Tenth Year of our Reign.

God save the QUEEN.

Westminster, *March* 17. Her Majesty having granted a Commission under the Great Seal, impowering the Lord-Keeper of the Great Seal, the Lord-President of Her Majesty's Council, and other Lords, to Pass the Royal Assent, in Her Majesty's Absence, to some Bills agreed to by both Houses of Parliament; this Day the Lords Commissioners sent a Message to the House of Commons by Sir *William Oldes*, Gentleman-Usher of the Black-Rod, to desire that House to come up to the House of Peers with their Speaker, to be present at the Passing the said Bills into Acts. The Speaker and the House went up accordingly, and the Lords Commissioners Passed the Royal Assent to

An Act for Enabling and Obliging the Bank of England, *for the Time therein mentioned, to exchange all* Exchequer *Bills for Ready Mony upon Demand; and to disable any Person to be Governor, Deputy-Governor, or Director of the Bank of* England, *and a Director of the* East-India *Company at the same time.*

An Act to repeal the Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty's Reign, Intituled, An Act for Prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with France, *so far as it relates to the Prohibiting the Importation of* French *Wines.*

An Act for Ratifying several Purchases lately made with the Publick Stock of the County of Devon, *and for making farther Purchases, for the Use of the said County, with the Publick Stock thereof; and also for Regulating and better Employment of the Publick Stock of the said County.*

And to one Private Bill.

Hamburgh, *March* 17. *N. S.* The Baron de Lowendal arriv'd here this Evening, and Baron Goertz is likewise expected from Gottorp. The Duke of Mecklenburg has been here for some time, but goes from hence to Morrow, without the Satisfaction of seeing the Disputes between him and his Nobility in any forwardness for an Accommodation. We are in great hopes the Commission will be determin'd before the end of April, tho' it has been lately retarded by some new Disputes between the Senate and Burghers. The Swedes give out, that their Forces in Pomerania have received positive Orders to be in a readiness to March at a short warning, and that the Officers are to take no Waggons with them. They are to be join'd in their March by the Troops in Bremen, consisting of three Battalions and five Squadrons; and they assure us, that they are to March directly into Poland,